

everybody is telling you, everybody is telling you, I haven't heard a dissenting voice, that next year is going to be a difficult, difficult year in terms of making revenues match expenditures. It is going to be as difficult as this year. In that context, in that context do you feel confident that the right thing to do is to drop a million dollars out of revenues right now? Do you have that sort of confidence? If you do, I compliment you. I can't have confidence knowing what I know, knowing what I don't know, knowing what we all don't know about next year. That million dollars, maybe next year when you assess the situation, maybe you would think, well, Ak-Sar-Ben has a point, we need to think about that, but you also might...we might be in a situation where the Department of Economic Development has to take a \$200,000 hit or a half a million dollar hit because we are short on revenues, or some other business generating activity, or some other function that the government performs that promotes business might have to be decreased, are getting no increase when we can see an opportunity to make a great advance or to grab ahold of a specific project simply because we don't have enough money. Don't you want to be in a position next year where you can look at Ak-Sar-Ben and you can look at these other opportunities and you can say, this is what we want to do because this makes the most sense? Isn't that where you want to be? If you let this bill advance, if you pass it and give Ak-Sar-Ben half a percent decrease next year, that opportunity is behind you, that opportunity is behind you because we will never retrieve it. The history of this institution is simply that it is never able to retrieve those situations without battles that go on for years and years. I hope there are one or two out there that will hold back and think about next year. Thank you.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Senator DeCamp, your light is on. I don't see Senator DeCamp. The question is the advancement of the bill. All those in favor say aye. All those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Senator Chambers. Oh, you just turned your light on. No you were...that was the last one, yes. All right, you are recognized.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I'm sorry, Mr. Chairman.

SPEAKER NICHOL: Okay.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: I was trying to defer so that others who